Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

--   A method (300) and apparatus (200) for selectively configuring, in a router, physical ports to either a Wide Area Network (WAN) or a Local Area Network (LAN). Method steps include receiving (320) a message to configure a physical port for use with either the LAN or WAN; associating (325), in response to receiving the message, a set of mapping assignments for using the physical port to access the network; and implementing (330) the mapping assignments, in response to associating the mapping assignments, to configure the physical port for coupling to the network. --